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SUBJECT: NOON BRIEFING: JULY 6

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RAISED AT THE NOON BRIEFING,  
JULY 6, 1977:

Q. I NOTICED THE PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR WAS IN THIS MORNING.  
DOES THAT CONSTITUTE A KIND OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF  
THE REGIME?

A. THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DIDN'T REALLY ARISE BUT THE  
AMBASSADOR REQUESTED THIS MEETING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF  
HIS GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING TO EXPLAIN THE NEW PAKISTANI  
GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES. I AM REALLY NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO  
DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSION NOR AM I PREPARED TO GIVE ANY  
COMMENT THIS MORNING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CHANGE OF GOVERN-  
MENT IN PAKISTAN.

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Q. DOES THIS INCLUDE RECOGNITION?

A. THAT QUESTION I BELIEVE, DOESN'T ARISE IF NORMAL RELA-  
TIONS CONTINUE.

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT IT IS NOT A BAD IDEA TO CHANGE A  
CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT FOR A MILITARY GOVERNMENT?

A. I THINK THIS IS ONE WE WENT THROUGH YESTERDAY, AND I AM SIMPLY GOING TO HAVE TO SAY THAT I REALLY HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTION IN PAKISTAN.

Q. NOR ANY COMMENT ON THE ARRESTS?

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT ON IT AT THIS TIME.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT IN THE TIMES TODAY SAYING THAT FRANCE IS NOW GOING TO RECONSIDER OR WITHDRAW THE SALE OF A RE-PROCESSING PLANT IN PAKISTAN BECAUSE OF THE COUP. HAVE YOU ANY SUCH INDICATION FROM FRANCE?

Q. NO, I KNOW OF NO SUCH INDICATION. I FELT THE STORY JUST SUGGESTED THAT THAT WAS A POSSIBILITY. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS SOME FORMAL MACHINERY UNDER WAY TO RAISE THE SPECULATION.

Q. THE STORY SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS ABOUT TO BE ANNOUNCED.

A. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON IT.

Q. WOULD IT BE SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR A DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES THAT PAKISTAN RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?  
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A. I AM NOT GOING TO GO INTO WHAT THEY TALKED ABOUT. I CAN SAY AS A GENERAL STATEMENT THAT WE ALWAYS WELCOME DEMOCRATIC RULE OR RETURN TO IT IN ANY COUNTRY. I THINK THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

Q. IT WAS REPORTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT OFFICIALS IN THIS BUILDING AND IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ANTICIPATED THAT A COUP AGAINST BHUTTO WOULD BE MOST LIKELY. DID THE COUP, THEREFORE, COME AS SOMETHING LESS THAN A SURPRISE?

A. I DON'T REALLY WANT TO COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS OR SPECULATE ON THAT EXCEPT TO SAY I DOUBT THAT THERE WAS ANY FOREKNOWLEDGE OF SUCH AN EVENT.

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